IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PIUS C.KURIAKOSE

WEDNESDAY, THE 12TH DECEMBER 2007 / 21ST AGRAHAYANA 1929

WP(C).No. 2732 of 2007(A)

PETITIONER: PETITIONERS

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1. K.K.ABDUL SHUKKOOR, S/O.CHERIYA AHAMED HAJI, KOORMATH KOLOTHIYIL HOUSE, PALATHINGAL, ULLANAM P.O., MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

2. K.ABOOBACKER, S/O. MOHAMMEDKUTTY, KUNNUMMEL HOUSE, PALATHINGAL, ULLANAM P.O., MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.T.KRISHNAN UNNI

RESPONDENTS:

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1. DISTRICT COLLECTOR, MALAPPURAM.

2. DIRECTOR, VIGILANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

3. PARAPPANANGADI GRAMA PANCHAYATH, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, PARAPPANANGADI, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

4. MOONNIYUR GRAMA PANCHAYATH, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, MOONNIYUR, TIRURANGADI TALUK, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

5. DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, MALAPPURAM.

6. TAHSILDAR, TIRURANGADI TALUK, TIRURANGADI.

7. DISTRICT GEOLOGY OFFICER,
MANJERI.

BY ADV. SRI.K.T.SHYAMKUMAR
SRI.HARISH R. MENON

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 12/12/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

Pius C. Kuriakose, J.

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W.P.(C) No. 2732 of 2007

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Dated this the 12th day of December, 2007

JUDGMENT

Grievance of the petitioners is that there is indiscriminate and large scale sand mining within the area of respondents 3 and 4 panchayats. Learned Government Pleader, on instructions received from the Geologist, submits that the allegations raised by the petitioners seem to be correct.

2. Under these circumstances, I dispose of the writ petition issuing the following directions:-

1. Respondents 3 and 4 shall take effective measures for restraining and controlling large scale and indiscriminate sand mining operations within their areas and the 5th respondent will render assistance to respondents 3 and 4 for implementing those measures.
2. There will be a further direction to respondents 3 and 4 to insist strict compliance of the rules while processing and granting the applications for passes.

Pius C. Kuriakose,
Judge.

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